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Application of :  
Alexander VON WEYMARN-SCHARLI :  
Appln. No. 10/530,455 : Art Unit - 3736  
Filed: April 5, 2005 : Examiner - Adam Jared Eiseman  
For: CONTROLLABLE STIFFNESS :  
CATHETER GUIDE DEVICE : Docket No. A013-5480(PCT)

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**RESPONSE**

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In response to the Office Action dated July 21,  
2008, applicant amends his application as follows:

**ELECTION OF INVENTION:**

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the  
invention characterized by the Examiner as Group II drawn to a  
guide device having controllable stiffness through stretching  
a central hollow body to press plural second elongate bodies  
circumferentially surrounding the central body against an  
outer sleeve, and submits that claims 28-30 are readable on  
the elected invention.

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